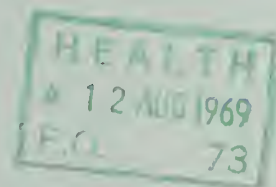


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1968

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR

1968.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Turner and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1968. As this is my last report, I feel it will be of interest to compare this with my first full report in 1956.

Housing.

There has been an increase in the number of council houses and, to a lesser extent, an increase in private housing since 1956, so that the number of dwellings overcrowded is now almost nil; in addition, a number of the older houses have been modernised. Special housing has been provided for the elderly folk and more are being planned.

Joint Sewerage Scheme.

The town has been sewered by means of a Joint Scheme with the Narberth Rural District Council but, unfortunately, remedial work is already required and the Narberth West works needs also to be enlarged.

Infectious Diseases.

In 1956, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Dysentery were notified, but during 1968, no notifications at all were received for your district.

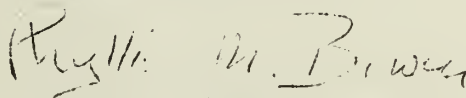
Prevention of Infectious Diseases: In the autumn of 1955, vaccination against tuberculosis was commenced in the schools and clinics and since that time, vaccination against poliomyelitis and measles has also been introduced and improvements have also been made in the vaccination against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.



I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Council and its Officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Phyllis M. Bowen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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TENBY.  
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Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)

1968       .....       1,040

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1968</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1967</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England &amp;</u> <u>Wales</u>
Live Births	15	12		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	14.4	11.5	17.3	16.9
Illegitimate Live Births	2	Nil		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	13.3	Nil		
Still Births	Nil	1		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	77	12	14
Total Live & Still Births	15	13		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	Nil	Nil		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	Nil	Nil	16	18
- legitimate	Nil	Nil		
- illegitimate	Nil	Nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4wks) (per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil	Nil	10.3	12.3
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk) (per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil	Nil	8.6	10.5





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Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk and Still Births combined)(per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	77	21	25
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate(per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	Nil	0.56	
Deaths	34	15		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	32.7	14.4	12.1	11.9

#### INFANT MORTALITY.

No deaths of infants under 1 year were reported in your district during 1968.

#### DEATHS (General).

There has been a sharp increase in the number of deaths this year, which brings the death rate considerably higher than the county and national rates. There were four deaths due to malignant disease but none of these was due to cancer of the lung. Heart disease accounted for 11 of the total 34 deaths.

Approximately 26% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 53% in persons over 80 years of age.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	19	15
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Other malignant neoplasm, etc.,	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-
Ischaemic heart disease	6	2
Other forms of heart disease	1	2
Cerebrovascular disease	3	5
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	3
Pneumonia	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	1
All other accidents	-	1

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## NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Certain alterations occurred with regard to the notifiable diseases when the new Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968, came into force on 1st October 1968. Some diseases ceased to be notifiable and a few other were added to the list to be notified.

No notifications of infectious disease in the Urban district were received during the year.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

I am pleased to be able to report that, again this year, no new cases of Tuberculosis were notified in your district.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G. vaccination of contacts and school-children (13 years and over) continued to be carried out during 1968, at school sessions and at clinics. Contacts were also vaccinated by Dr. Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, at the Chest Clinic.

During the year, 739 school-children in the County were skin tested and 694 of these required vaccination; 61 contacts were also vaccinated.

## MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

Owing to the steady decline in the number of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis found and the alternative facilities for chest X-ray becoming available to general practitioners, the Mobile Circuit Units discontinued their frequent short visits to West Wales as from January 1968.

In future, two mobile units, based at Cardiff, will examine industrial groups and general population and visit the areas previously on circuit, once yearly, remaining longer at each visit than previously.

In October 1968, the Unit visited Saundersfoot, (the nearest location for residents in the Narberth Urban district,) when 144 persons were examined.



NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services: Vaccination against smallpox, poliomyelitis and measles, also immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus was carried out at the Clinic and at school sessions during the year.

Measles vaccine was only available at first for children between the ages of 4 and 7 years, but as the supply of vaccine improved, all children under the age of 15 years were offered this protection. The following figures are those for the whole County for the year 1968 :-

Primary Diphtheria immunisations:	1194;	"Booster" doses:	1702
Whooping Cough immunisations:	1088.	-	
Primary Tetanus immunisations:	1370;	"Booster" doses:	1779
Primary Smallpox vaccinations:	634;	Re-vaccinations:	49
Primary Polio. vaccinations:	1271;	"Booster" doses:	1172
Measles vaccinations:	2587.	-	
B.C.G. vaccinations:	694.	-	

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under the above Section during the year.

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